

Application No. 10/025,705

Reply to Final Office Action dated January 26, 2004

Remarks

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed April 8, 2004. Claim 6 is amended in this amendment. Please cancel claims 1-5 and 7-9 without prejudice. Claims 6 and 10-29 remain pending.

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Forde et al. in U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0055767. These claims are now cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim in the Office Action. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that line 7 of claim 6 should be amended to recite the "seal tube" and that such an amendment would render claim 6 allowable if submitted in a timely manner. Amended claim 6 now recites the "seal tube" at line 7 according to the suggestion of the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 6 is now in condition for allowance.

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is also respectfully requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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